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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters *today*, 25 November 1999, *official holiday*.]

Friday, 26 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

1. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.6 *(item 101 (b))*

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.21*(item 99 (c))*, A/C.2/54/L.13 *(item 99 (b))*, A/C.2/54/L.20 *(item 99 (a))*, A/C.2/54/L.34 *(item 98 (b))*, A/C.2/54/L.35 *(item 98 (b))* and A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))*

Announcement

An open debate of the Security Council will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (c)

The delegation of Belarus, on behalf of the co-sponsors, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on draft resolution A/54/L.22 on the strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, to be held on Friday, 26 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultation on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of Ukraine, on behalf of co-sponsors, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the recent developments related to the former Yugoslavia, to be held on Friday, 26 November 1999, in Conference Room 9, in the morning (following the adjournment of the informal consultations on agenda item 20 (c)).

Informal consultations on agenda item 39

The Permanent Mission of Romania will hold a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the "Code of Democratic Conduct", contained in document A/54/L.23 under item 39 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies), on Friday, 26 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 26 November 1999

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on item 20: humanitarian assistance issues)

10 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 97 (a) (Financing for development) : A/C.2/54/L.25)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 29 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 64th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [39]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/492)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.23, A/54/L.33)

3 p.m. 65th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [44]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/54/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/457)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.42, A/54/L.43, A/54/L.44, A/54/L.45)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 35

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on "Assistance in mine action" on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of Canada invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Assistance for humanitarian relief, rehabilitation, and development for East Timor", to be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The Disarmament Commission will hold open-ended informal consultations on its substantive agenda item and other organizational matters in Conference Room 1, on Monday, 29 November, at 11.30 a.m., and on Tuesday, 30 November 1999, at 3 p.m.

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The third session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court will be held from 29 November to 17 December 1999, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 53/105 of 10 December 1998.

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Friends of the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences

The Chairman of the Committee on Conferences will hold informal consultations with interested members of the Committee on Conferences on Tuesday, 30 November 1999, at 2 p.m. in Conference Room D, to review a proposal affecting the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001 in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.11).

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 29 November 1999, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977.

All representatives of Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies, as well as observers, are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3362 (United Nations Headquarters).

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed from Monday, 29 November, to Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

The formal opening of the exhibit will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the films entitled "Yoom ilak, Yoom aleik: Palestinian Refugees from Jerusalem, 1948: Heritage, Eviction and Hope", and "Mahmoud Darwish: As The Land is The Language." Both films will be shown on Monday, 29 November, at 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium. The film on Mahmoud Darwish can be viewed at the exhibit area from Tuesday, 30 November, to Friday, 10 December, during exhibit hours.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The informal consultations will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations. Further consultations will be held on Tuesday, 30 November, Wednesday, 1 December, and Thursday, 2 December, at 10 a.m., and on Friday, 3 December 1999, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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The next meeting of the Economic and Social Council, to consider all outstanding matters, will take place on Thursday, 9 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. Informal consultations on pending issues will take place on Monday, 6 December, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 2.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 2000* on Friday, 10 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the political declaration on "Women 2000")* on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Tuesday, 30 November 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Special presentation

There will be a presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context" by Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Cheng (tel.: (212) 963-7882).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 30 November 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a technical workshop, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Program on Security and Development (SAND) of the Monterrey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss a draft Light Weapons Field Guide for Development and Humanitarian Relief Workers being developed by SAND and BICC. The workshop will be chaired by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala. Members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Copies of the draft Field Guide may be retrieved from the office of Mr. David Biggs, Conventional Arms Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3170G; tel.: (212) 963-5598).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 24 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4071st meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/1999/1189)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1189, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1999/1189).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1189) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1276 (1999).

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1999/33).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by several Member States (A/54/235) [8]

The representative of Sri Lanka, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning his request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "International recognition of the Day of Vesak" (A/54/235).

Statements were made by the representative of Thailand and Cyprus.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, statements were made by the representatives of India, Spain, Bangladesh, Pakistan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Bhutan.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the additional item should be included in the agenda of the current session and that it should be considered directly in the plenary meeting.

The General Committee was informed that the General Assembly would consider the report of the General Committee on action taken at the meeting at a later date to be announced.

62nd plenary meeting

Tribute to the memory of H.E. Mr. Amintore Fanfani, President of the twentieth session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly observed one minute of silence.

The representative of Italy made a statement.

Oceans and the Law of the Sea [40]:

(a) Law of the Sea:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.31)

(b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/461)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.28)

(c) Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas":

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.32)

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Nigeria, Belarus, Australia, Belize, Samoa and Indonesia.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/204 of 17 December 1996, the President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/6 of 24 October 1996, the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority made a statement.

The representative of Turkey made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The representative of France made a statement on a point of order.

The representative of Japan made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 129 votes to 1 with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.31 (resolution 54/31).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.28 (resolution 54/32).

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.32 (resolution 54/L.33).

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Viet Nam, China and the Philippines.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 40.

Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: draft resolution (A/54/L.26) [22]

The Vice-President made a statement.

The representative of Australia made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.26.

Statements were made by the representatives of Greece and Algeria.

63rd plenary meeting

Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: draft resolution (A/54/L.26) [22]

Statements were made by the representatives of Cyprus, Croatia, the United States, Argentina, the Russian Federation, Jamaica and Monaco.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.26 (resolution 54/34).

The General Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 22.

Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [41]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/447)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.35)

The representative of Argentina made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/54/L.35.

Statements were made by the representatives of Togo, Nigeria, Brazil, Angola and Benin.

By 97 votes to 0 with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.35, as orally revised (resolution 54/35).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly concluded its consideration of agenda item 41.

Programme of work

The President of the General Assembly informed the Assembly that agenda item 31 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity) would be taken up on Tuesday, 7 December, in the morning, as the third item and that the reports of the Sixth Committee would be taken up on Thursday, 9 December, in the afternoon. The President also informed the Assembly that agenda item 28 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization), originally scheduled for Monday, 6 December, would be taken up on Thursday, 9 December, in the morning as the second item.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 43rd meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(g) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.9 and L.45

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.45.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.9 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision taking note of document A/54/328.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 99 (g).

Environment and sustainable development [100]

(b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.29 and L.43

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.43.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.29 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.28 and L.44

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.2/54/ L.44.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.28 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 100 (b).

Operational activities for development [101]

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.5 and L.47

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.47.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.5 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Training and research [102]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.26 and L.42

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.42.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution the representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) informed the Committee that the following countries would have co-sponsored draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.42 had it not become a Vice-Chairman's text: Argentina, Armenia, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Croatia, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Malta, Morocco, Nicaragua, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Senegal, Tagikistan, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United States, Uzbekistan and Venezuela.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.26 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.30 and L.46

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.46.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.30 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.31 and L.41

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.41.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.31 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

After the adoption of the draft resolution the representative of Egypt made a statement.

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(c) Trade and development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.40

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), reported to the Committee on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

The draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 94 to 2, with 43 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote, were made by the representatives of Armenia and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.32**

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), reported to the Committee on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution, and corrected the text.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Israel and the United States.

The draft resolution was adopted, as corrected, by a recorded vote of 132 to 3 with 5 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote, were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Bulgaria, Japan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 103.

Organization of work

The Chairman responded to a question raised by the representative of Morocco.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 1999

42nd and 43rd meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee continued and concluded the public part of its consideration of the initial report of Cameroon (E/1990/5/Add.35).

In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Accession: Uganda (23 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Background briefings

In addition to the daily noon press briefing given by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General, all background briefings given to the press may now be viewed by delegations in Viewing Room 4, which is located in the corridor connecting the Viennese Cafe with the public concourse.

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World AIDS Day

An observance of World AIDS Day will be held on Wednesday, 1 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The theme is "The Children Left Behind," children who have been orphaned by the AIDS-related deaths of one or both parents. Speakers include the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, United States First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, H.M. Queen Noor Al Hussein of Jordan and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Harry Belafonte. Three children orphaned by AIDS, from the United States, Uganda and Thailand, will tell their stories to Children's Express Reporter Alexandra Burke, followed by two panels: "Child care, Child welfare and clinical issues" and "Finance and funding issues". The observance is co-sponsored by Department of Public Information (DPI), the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. (BLCA), the Magic Johnson Foundation, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the World Bank, the White House Office of National AIDS Policy and the Global Health Council. Delegations and accredited media are welcome; Secretariat staff and NGOs will be admitted, space permitting, to the public gallery.

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